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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 October 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 13, 15-18, 20-27, 31 and 34-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 13, 15-18, 20-27, 31, and 34-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Final Rejection

Response to Amendment

1. It is hereby acknowledged that the following papers have been received and placed on record in the file: Amendment as received on 10-29-2007.

2. Claims 1-35 have been examined.

Status of Claims:

3. Claims 1-6, 13, 15-18, and 34-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheng, Patent Number: 5,956,022 and Draghetti et al., Patent Number: 6,892,358, hereinafter Draghetti.

4. Claims 7, 20-27, 31, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheng, Draghetti, and Kwon et al., Patent No.: US 7,043,691, hereafter Kwon.

5. Claims 8-12, 14, 19, 28-30, 32, and 33 have been cancelled by the applicant.

Information Disclosure Statement

6. The information disclosure statement filed 11-13-2001 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Specifically, no copy was provided for WO 99/63458.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-6, 13, 15-18, and 34-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheng, Patent Number: 5,956,022 and Draghetti et al., Patent Number: 6,892,358, hereinafter Draghetti.

3. With regard to claim 1, which teaches a method, comprising: (a) detecting a fault condition in a signal-receiving connection on a display device, the signal-receiving connection being between the display device and a device capable of generating and transmitting a signal through the connection, Cheng teaches detecting various faults (see column 2, lines 35-37 and 43-45) in a device which receives signals at a monitor from a connection to a video graphic adapter at a computer (see column 2, lines 9-23). With regard to claim 1, which further teaches (b) determining a solution for correcting said fault condition in the signal-receiving connection on the display device, the solution being more probable for correcting said fault condition in the connection, Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 35-62, the system determining a solution that is most appropriate to the recognized fault. With regard to claim 1, which further teaches (c) displaying on the display device a graphical depiction which illustrates said more probable solution to said fault condition in the connection on the display device, Cheng

further teaches, in column 4, lines 48-59, displaying on a monitor a graphical depiction of trouble shooting steps appropriate to the users fault to a user. With regard to claim 1, which further teaches (d) detecting if said fault condition is present after displaying the graphical depiction of said more probable solution, Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 60-62, the system determining if no more faults are present and reverting to a normal operation once the problems have been removed. With regard to claim 1, which further teaches (e) if said highly probable solution does not correct the fault condition, determining a less probable solution for correcting said fault condition in the connection, Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 55-59, the user being provided with additional steps (series of steps) if it is recognized that the problems haven't been removed yet. With regard to claim 1, which further teaches (f) displaying of the display device a less probable solution graphical depiction which illustrates said further solution, Cheng further teaches, in column 4, lines 48-59, displaying on a monitor a graphical depiction of further trouble shooting steps to a user.

Cheng teaches providing the user with a series of steps to correct a problem (supra), however, doesn't specifically teach providing a primary most probable solution first before providing a secondary less probable (than the first solution). Draghetti teaches, in column 7, lines 9-23, providing a user with a help routine for solving problems, via a textual, animation, etc. interface, but further teaches, illustrating the possible solutions in order of probable success. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Cheng and Draghetti before him at the time the invention was made to modify the help provision system of Cheng to include

the ordered providing of help solutions according to probability of it correcting the fault, as is done in Draghetti. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because this would provide the user with a greater chance of correcting the fault via a first provided means of fault correction.

4. With regard to claim 2, which teaches the fault condition being one of lack of connectivity, Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 43-45, the fault being the monitor not being properly connected to the video card.

5. With regard to claims 3 and 16, which teach detecting fault condition comprising detecting absence of a signal, Cheng further teaches, in column 1, lines 21-25 and column 2, lines 43-46, a fault condition of a monitor not being plugged in or not receiving a signal.

6. With regard to claim 4, which teaches detecting correction of the fault condition; and removing the graphical depiction when correction of the fault condition has been detected, Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 49-62, displaying a graphic depiction of steps to remove the problems, and once the problems are resolved, displaying the normal data from the computer system.

7. With regard to claims 5 and 17, which teach the graphical depiction is an animated depiction to show movement of an element, Cheng further teaches, in column 2, line 64 through column 3, line 21, a static graphical depiction of fault correction assistance. Draghetti further teaches, in column 7, lines 7-23, providing an animated solution to the problem. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Cheng and Draghetti before him at the time the invention was

made to modify fault correction depiction of Cheng to include the animated fault correction of Draghetti, as this would provide further illustration of how physically a fault can be corrected.

8. With regard to claim 6, which teaches the fault condition in the connection is a lack of a video signal received by the display device from the personal computer, Cheng further teaches, in column 1, lines 21-25, a fault condition of a monitor not being plugged in, and in column 3, lines 6-8, the signal being a video signal.

9. With regard to claim 13, which teaches an apparatus, comprising: (a) detecting means in a display device for detecting a fault connection in a signal receiving connection between video generating circuitry of said display device and a personal computer, Cheng teaches, detecting various faults (see column 2, lines 35-37 and 43-45) in a device which receives signals at a monitor from a connection to a video graphic adapter at a computer (see column 2, lines 9-23). With regard to claim 13, which further teaches (b) a controller in said display device coupled to said detecting means, Cheng teaches, in column 2, line 14 and figure 1, a controller in the monitor, connected to the interface for use in implementation of the system. With regard to claim 13, which further teaches (c) a memory in said display device coupled to said controller, Cheng teaches, in column 2, lines 14 and 15, a memory coupled to the controller. With regard to claim 13, which further teaches (d) wherein upon detection of a fault condition said detecting means, said controller is configured to: determine at least two possible solutions for correcting said fault condition the at least two possible solutions including a primary solution being more probable for correcting said fault condition in the connection and a

secondary solution being less probable for correcting said fault condition, Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 35-62, the system determining a solution that is most appropriate to the recognized fault and further solutions to be carried out in a sequence. With regard to claim 13, which further teaches determine an appropriate graphical depiction of said primary probable solution to aid a user, cause said graphical depiction to be displayed on said display device, Cheng further teaches, in column 4, lines 48-59, displaying on a monitor a graphical depiction of trouble shooting steps appropriate to the users fault to a user. With regard to claim 13, which further teaches if said detecting means detects said fault condition is present after display of said graphical description of said primary solution determine a secondary solution for correcting the fault condition, Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 60-62, the system determining if no more faults are present and reverting to a normal operation once the problems have been removed, and in column 2, lines 55-59, further teaches the user being provided with additional steps (series of steps) if it is recognized that the problems haven't been removed yet. With regard to claim 13, which further teaches determine a secondary graphical depiction which illustrates said secondary solution, which further teaches cause said further graphical depiction to be displayed on said display device, Cheng further teaches, in column 4, lines 48-59, displaying on a monitor a graphical depiction of trouble shooting steps appropriate to the users fault to a user.

Cheng teaches providing the user with a series of steps to correct a problem (supra), however, doesn't specifically teach providing a primary most probable solution first before providing a secondary less probable (than the first solution). Draghetti

teaches, in column 7, lines 9-23, providing a user with a help routine for solving problems, via a textual, animation, etc. interface, but further teaches, illustrating the possible solutions in order of probable success. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Cheng and Draghetti before him at the time the invention was made to modify the help provision system of Cheng to include the ordered providing of help solutions according to probability of it correcting the fault, as is done in Draghetti. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because this would provide the user with a greater chance of correcting the fault via a first provided means of fault correction.

10. With regard to claim 15, which teaches the detecting means including an interface capable of receiving an input from a user that instruction in necessary regarding activating a function of the apparatus, Cheng teaches, in column 2, lines 35-47 and lines 60-62, accepting user input on the UI to aid in activating normal function of the display.

11. With regard to claim 18, which teaches the graphical depiction being in color, Cheng teaches, in column 2, line 64 through column 3, line 222, the graphical depiction being in color.

12. With regard to claim 34, which teaches detecting of the fault condition includes detecting of an improper physical connection for the display device, Cheng teaches, in column 2, lines 43-59, the system detecting faults in a physical connection carrying electrical signals between the monitor and the video card.

13. With regard to claim 35, which teaches detecting of an improper electrical connection for the display device, Cheng teaches, in column 2, lines 43-59, the system detecting faults in a physical connection carrying electrical signals between the monitor and the video card.

14. With regard to claim 36, which teaches the graphical depiction including a pictorial depiction, Cheng teaches, in column 2, lines 35-62 and in figure 2, providing a graphical depiction of text to enable a user correct the fault. Draghetti further teaches, in column 7, lines 9-23, providing a user with a help routine for solving problems, via a textual, animation, etc. interface and illustrating the possible solutions.

15. Claims 7, 20-27, 31, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheng, Draghetti, and Kwon et al., Patent No.: US 7,043,691, hereafter Kwon.

16. With regard to claim 7, Cheng and Draghetti further teach, in column 4, lines 48-59 of Cheng, displaying on a monitor a graphical depiction of trouble shooting steps to a user, however, don't specifically disclose the graphical depiction including a video signal cable being plugged into a device. Kwon teaches a systems in which a user is provided with a graphical depiction to alleviate connection problems (see column 1, lines 55-59), similar to that of Cheng and Draghetti, but further teaches providing a visual depiction to assist the user in connecting cables where the cables and connections are color-coded (see column 8, lines 17-21). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Cheng, Draghetti, and Kwon before him at the time the

invention was made to modify the trouble-shooting system of Cheng and Draghetti to include the color-coded connection system of Kwon. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because this would help to further limit confusion of the user and minimize faults.

17. With regard to claim 20, which teaches an apparatus, comprising: (a) a housing including a display disposed within said housing, Cheng teaches, in column 2, lines 9-18, a monitor including device (10) and various display components. With regard to claim 20, which further teaches (b) a signal-receiving connector disposed on said housing, the signal-receiving connector being configured to receive signal from a device capable of generating and transmitting a signal through the connector, (c) means for detecting whether a proper electrical connection is not made with said connector, Cheng teaches detecting various faults (see column 2, lines 35-37 and 43-45) in a device which receives signals at a monitor from a connection to a video graphic adapter at a computer (see column 2, lines 9-23). With regard to claim 20, which further teaches (d) means for displaying on the display a pictographical solution for providing a proper connection with said connector in the event that said detecting means detects that a proper connection is not made with said connector, Cheng teaches, in column 1, lines 22-26 and column 2, lines 43-46, determining if a proper connection is made and displaying a graphical depiction of a solution if not. With regard to claim 20, which further teaches the means for displaying being configured to: determine a potential solution for correcting the fault condition, determine an appropriate pictographical depiction of said potential solution to aid a user, cause said pictographical depiction to be

displayed on said display device, Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 35-62, the system determining a solution that is most appropriate to the recognized fault, and further teaches in column 4, lines 48-59, displaying on a monitor a graphical depiction of trouble shooting steps appropriate to the users fault to a user. With regard to claim 20, which further teaches if said detecting means detects said fault condition is present after display of said pictographical description of said potential solution determine another potential solution for correcting the fault condition, determine a another pictographical depiction which illustrates said further solution and cause said another pictographical depiction to be displayed on said display device, Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 60-62, the system determining if no more faults are present and reverting to a normal operation once the problems have been removed. Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 55-59, the user being provided with additional steps (series of steps) if it is recognized that the problems haven't been removed yet. Cheng further teaches, in column 4, lines 48-59, displaying on a monitor a graphical depiction of further trouble shooting steps to a user.

Cheng teaches providing the user with a series of steps to correct a problem (supra), however, doesn't specifically teach providing a primary most probable solution first before providing a secondary less probable (than the first solution). Draghetti teaches, in column 7, lines 9-23, providing a user with a help routine for solving problems, via a textual, animation, etc. interface, but further teaches, illustrating the possible solutions in order of probable success. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Cheng and Draghetti before him at the

time the invention was made to modify the help provision system of Cheng to include the ordered providing of help solutions according to probability of it correcting the fault, as is done in Draghetti. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because this would provide the user with a greater chance of correcting the fault via a first provided means of fault correction.

Cheng and Draghetti, however, don't specifically teach the graphical depiction being a pictographical solution for electrical connections. Kwon teaches a systems in which a user is provided with a graphical depiction to alleviate connection problems (see column 1, lines 55-59), similar to that of Cheng and Draghetti, but further teaches providing a pictographical solution to assist the user in connecting cables where the cables and connections are color-coded (see column 8, lines 17-21). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Cheng, Draghetti, and Kwon before him at the time the invention was made to modify the trouble-shooting system of Cheng and Draghetti to include the pictured connection help system of Kwon. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because this further aid in describing to a user how to correct a certain fault in the connection.

18. With regard to claim 21, which teaches means for displaying being capable of displaying a pictographical depiction of the solution on the display, Cheng teaches, in column 2, lines 48-59, showing a graphical depiction of trouble shooting steps on the display screen.

19. With regard to claim 22, which teaches being capable of displaying an animated pictorial depiction of the solution on the display, Draghetti further teaches, in column 7, lines 9-23, the graphical depictions being animated on the display.

20. With regard to claims 23, which teaches the housing being at least one of a monitor, a television, a computer, a personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a CD player, a digital storage medium player and a network device, Cheng teaches, in column 1, lines 38-42, the housing being a monitor's case.

21. With regard to claim 24, which teaches the means for displaying being disposed in a housing with the display, Cheng teaches, in column 2, lines 9-18, a monitor comprising a controller, a user interface, memory, etc.

22. With regard to claim 25, which teaches means for displaying further displaying a message indicating that a proper connection is made with the connector when the detecting means detects the proper connection is made with the connector, Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 60-63, a message in the self-diagnostic system indicating a normal status of the connection.

23. With regard to claim 26, which teaches an apparatus, comprising: (a) a housing including a display disposed within said housing, Cheng teaches, in column 2, lines 9-18, a monitor including device (10) and various display components. With regard to claim 26, which further teaches (b) a connector configured to receive a video signal for said display, said connector being disposed within said housing (c) means for detecting whether a proper electrical is not made with said connector such that said connector receives a video signal, Cheng teaches detecting various faults (see column 2, lines 35-

37 and 43-45) in a device which receives signals at a monitor from a connection to a video graphic adapter at a computer (see column 2, lines 9-23). With regard to claim 26, which further teaches (d) means for displaying on the display a iconographical depiction for a user with a solution with which a user can cause a proper connection to be made with said connector to provide the video signal to said connector and said display, Cheng teaches, in column 1, lines 22-26 and column 2, lines 43-46, determining if a proper connection is made and displaying a graphical depiction of a solution if not. With regard to claim 26, which further teaches the means for displaying being configured to: determine a primary potential solution for correcting the fault condition, determine an appropriate pictorial depiction of said primary potential solution to aid a user, cause said pictorial depiction to be displayed on said display device, Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 35-62, the system determining a solution that is most appropriate to the recognized fault, and further teaches in column 4, lines 48-59, displaying on a monitor a graphical depiction of trouble shooting steps appropriate to the users fault to a user. With regard to claim 26, which further teaches if said detecting means detects said fault condition is present after display of said pictorial description of said primary pictorial solution determine a secondary potential solution for correcting the fault condition, determine a further different pictorial depiction which illustrates said further solution and cause said further different depiction to be displayed on said display device, Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 60-62, the system determining if no more faults are present and reverting to a normal operation once the problems have been removed. Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 55-59, the user being

provided with additional steps (series of steps) if it is recognized that the problems haven't been removed yet. Cheng further teaches, in column 4, lines 48-59, displaying on a monitor a graphical depiction of further trouble shooting steps to a user.

Cheng teaches providing the user with a series of steps to correct a problem (supra), however, doesn't specifically teach providing a primary most probable solution first before providing a secondary less probable (than the first solution). Draghetti teaches, in column 7, lines 9-23, providing a user with a help routine for solving problems, via a textual, animation, etc. interface, but further teaches, illustrating the possible solutions in order of probable success. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Cheng and Draghetti before him at the time the invention was made to modify the help provision system of Cheng to include the ordered providing of help solutions according to probability of it correcting the fault, as is done in Draghetti. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because this would provide the user with a greater chance of correcting the fault via a first provided means of fault correction.

Cheng and Draghetti, however, don't specifically teach the graphical depiction being an iconographical depiction of a solution. Kwon teaches a systems in which a user is provided with a graphical depiction to alleviate connection problems (see column 1, lines 55-59), similar to that of Cheng and Draghetti, but further teaches providing icons in a pictographical solution to assist the user in connecting cables where the cables and connections are color-coded (see column 8, lines 17-21). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Cheng,

Draghetti, and Kwon before him at the time the invention was made to modify the trouble-shooting system of Cheng and Draghetti to include the icons in a pictographical solution help system of Kwon. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because this further aid in describing to a user how to correct a certain fault in the connection.

24. With regard to claim 27, which teaches means for displaying further displaying a message indicating that a proper connection is made with the connector when the detecting means detects the proper connection is made with the connector, Cheng further teaches, in column 2, lines 60-63, a message in the self-diagnostic system indicating a normal status of the connection.

25. With regard to claim 31, Cheng further teaches, in column 4, lines 48-59, displaying on a monitor a graphical depiction of trouble shooting steps to a user, however, doesn't specifically disclose the graphical depiction including non-textual description of the step. Kwon teaches a systems in which a user is provided with a graphical depiction to alleviate connection problems (see column 1, lines 55-59), similar to that of Cheng, but further teaches providing a picture depiction to assist the user in connecting cables where the cables and connections are color-coded (see column 8, lines 17-21). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Cheng and Kwon before him at the time the invention was made to modify the trouble-shooting system of Cheng to include the picture connection system of Kwon. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because this further aid in describing to a user how to correct a certain fault in the connection.

26. With regard to claim 37, Cheng and Draghetti further teach, in column 4, lines 48-59 of Cheng, displaying on a monitor a graphical depiction of trouble shooting steps to a user, however, don't specifically disclose the graphical depiction including a depiction of a display device and a device capable of generating and transmitting a signal to the display device. Kwon teaches a systems in which a user is provided with a graphical depiction to alleviate connection problems (see column 1, lines 55-59), similar to that of Cheng and Draghetti, but further teaches providing a visual depiction of cables connecting a monitor (TV) and a system that transmits (Antenna, Wall Jack, etc.) data to said monitor (see column 8, lines 17-21 and figure 5). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Cheng, Draghetti, and Kwon before him at the time the invention was made to modify the trouble-shooting system of Cheng and Draghetti to include the color-coded connection system between data creation device and monitor, of Kwon. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because this would help to further provide a depiction from source to destination device.

Response to Arguments

27. The arguments filed on 10-29-2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Reasons set forth below.

28. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 13, 20, and 26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis G. Bonshock whose telephone number is (571) 272-4047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571) 272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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